

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 have initially been canceled and claims 21 to 27 are retained of which claims 21 and 23 have been amended.

It is initially noted that a Preliminary Amendment, copy enclosed, was filed in the subject application ab initio as evidenced by the attached receipt thereof from the PTO mail room. In this amendment, claims 1 to 20 as originally filed were cancelled, claims 22 to 28 as originally filed were renumbered as claims 21 to 27 to maintain consecutive numbering and the prior applications of which the subject application is a division were added to the specification by the amendment. It follows that claims 21 to 27 are and always have been present in the subject application. It further follows that the examination of claim 21 only is in error and that claims 22 to 27 have either not been examined or have been allowed by failure to provide a prima facie case of non-patentability. Therefore, the comments in the Office action under Election are in error and should be corrected.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Holman (U.S. 6,005,776). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 21 requires, among other features, electrically connecting at least one integrated circuit package having a major surface and side minor surfaces extending from the major surface with at least one of the side surfaces having electrical side surface terminals thereon in intimate contact with and electrically connected to the printed circuit board at the top surface. No such structure is taught or suggested by Holman. Note that Holman has nothing whatsoever to do with the direct connection of an integrated circuit package or module directly to a printed circuit board in general and, clearly, Holman does

not teach or suggest such concept using a minor side of the integrated circuit package for connection.

It must be assumed that claims 22 to 27 are allowable since they have not been rejected.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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